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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 134 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/51/637.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 56th, 57th and 70th meetings, on 12 and 13 May and 6 June 1997. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.56, 57 and 70).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (A/51/764 and Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/861).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/51/L.62

4. At the 70th meeting, on 6 June, the representative of Australia introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/51/L.62), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.62 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti,[1] the relevant reports of the Board of Auditors[2] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1048 (1996) of 29 February 1996, in which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of four months, to 30 June 1996, as well as all previous Security Council resolutions on the Mission,

Recalling also its decision 48/477 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 51/14 of 4 November 1996,

Reaffirming that all necessary action should be taken to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy,

Reaffirming also that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling further its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

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[1] A/51/764 and Add.1.

[2] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 5 (A/51/5), vol. II.

[3] A/51/432.

[4] A/51/861.

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in Haiti as at 15 May 1997, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 11 million United States dollars, representing 3 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 31 July 1996, notes that some 73 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. Urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

6. Expresses its concern about problems with procurement practices and assets management in the United Nations Mission in Haiti as pointed out in the reports of the Board of Auditors[2] and the Office of Internal Oversight Services[3] and in the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on the measures taken to address the problems raised in those reports;

7. Decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 7,022,800 dollars gross (6,840,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996 shall be credited to those Member States;

8. Decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 7,022,800 dollars gross (6,840,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 March to 30 June 1996 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

9. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the Mission;[5]

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti".

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[5] A/51/764/Add.1.